

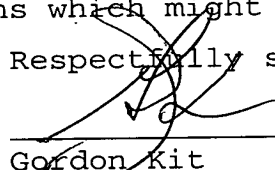
**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
**NS Entry of PCT/GB2004/002866**

**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended in order to insert formal matter. Claims 1-17 have been cancelled and new Claims 18-43 have been added in order to place the same in conformance with U.S. patent practice. Support for new Claims 18-43 can be found in canceled Claims 1-17. Hence, the amendment to the specification, the cancellation of Claims 1-17 and the addition of new Claims 18-43 does not constitute new matter, and thus entry is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number on any questions which might arise.

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